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1. [ ] Talked with Representative John O. Marsh regarding the possibility of a breakfast briefing of a number of congressmen on Wednesday, 26 November. I made clear that we would be happy to receive them on condition that Chairman Mahon approved.

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2. [ ] Received a call from Chairman Mahon of House Appropriations Committee, who said he saw no objection to our providing a breakfast briefing to Representatives Marsh and Talcott and some of their colleagues. Mr. Mahon asked what we had in mind and I said that subject to his approval we thought we would give them a brief rundown on the Agency organization and mission followed by a non-sensitive substantive briefing on current hot spots. Mr. Mahon said he thought this would be entirely agreeable and he was sure that the group would be discreet and responsible.

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3. [ ] Talked again with Representatives Marsh and Talcott and confirmed Wednesday, 26 November, for the breakfast briefing. (See Memo for Record for details.)

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4. [ ] Mr. Lamar Alexander, of Mr. Harlow's office in the White House, called to say that since Mr. Harlow and the Director had not had an opportunity to talk about Senator Cooper's request for special clearances for William Miller, of Cooper's staff, Alexander wondered where the matter stood. I told him that following a conversation on the matter with Dr. Kissinger, the Director planned to see Senator Cooper and, without raising security aspects as such, explain that as a matter of policy the Agency could not set the precedent of briefing staff members of individual senators and congressmen on sensitive subjects. Alexander said he was sure this solution would have the support of Harlow and he would tell Harlow about it. He also said he would mention this to Ken BeLieu, who handles Senate liaison for the White House and if we had any further problems in this connection we should call BeLieu.

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7. [ ] Representative John O. Marsh (D., Va.) called to say that he had talked further by phone with Representative Burt Talcott (R., Calif.) who is now on the west coast and still hoped to arrange a breakfast briefing at the Agency on Wednesday, 26 November. Mr. Marsh said that Talcott had already lined up three Republicans and Marsh planned several Democratic colleagues including some from outside the Appropriations Committee so it would not be primarily an Appropriations Committee show. I told Marsh this was fine but would still have to be guided by word from Chairman Mahon.

I told Mr. Marsh I had continued to look into the question he had raised with us about who, if anyone, in the executive departments is responsible for reviewing from a security standpoint release of counter-part funds to foreign governments for the conduct of scientific research--some of which Marsh suspects may be going to projects of military application. I said after checking with contacts in Defense, State and the White House, I still didn't have the answer and assumed that this was not being done systematically anywhere. Marsh said this confirmed his suspicions and he might take up the problem with the White House or the State Department himself.

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8. [ ] Met with Arthur Kuhl, Chief Clerk, Senate Foreign Relations Committee, and reviewed with him Committee use of the transcript of the Director's testimony on Laos. It was agreed that delivery of the transcript to the Committee on a daily basis would be discontinued after today. The transcript will be held by the Agency subject to the call of the Chairman.

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9. [ ] Met separately with Chairman George P. Miller and Mr. James Wilson, Professional Staff Member, House Science and Astronautics Committee, and updated the information previously provided concerning a Soviet space event. Representative Miller indicated that time will be limited during the coming week due to the holiday, but that he wants to move forward in arranging a meeting of certain of his Subcommittee chairmen for briefing on current Soviet space activities. I thanked the Chairman and told him we would await his pleasure.

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Tuesday - 18 November 1969

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1. [ ] Met with Chairman Mendel Rivers after the House Armed Services Committee meeting and thanked him for the expeditious approval given H.R. 14571, the Agency's retirement bill. The Chairman accepted my expression of appreciation and noted that this clears the bill for consideration by the House of Representatives. (See Memorandum for the Record.)

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2. [ ] Talked to Mr. Frank Slatinshek, Assistant Chief Counsel, House Armed Services Committee, who told me that he is filing the report on H.R. 14571 this afternoon. The bill will be placed on the consent calendar. In keeping with the fact that our bill contains only material authorized in the Daniels-McGee bill for civil service retirees, the Committee does not anticipate problems in passage by the House of Representatives. Mr. Slatinshek noted in the report (with regard to the question of cost) that the Director of Central Intelligence had advised the Committee that only minimal increase in cost will be involved in implementing the authority set forth in the act. This is a technical matter under the authority of the Committee to avoid statement of cost where the amount is less than one million dollars.

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3. [ ] Accompanied General Cushman and Colonel White to a session of the House Armed Services Committee where the Agency retirement legislation was considered and reported out on the basis of presentation by Committee Assistant Chief Counsel Slatinshek. See Memo for Record.

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4. [ ] Received a call from John Lehman, of Dr. Kissinger's staff in the White House, who asked about the Director's appearance yesterday before the Symington Subcommittee. See Memo for Record.

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